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at Baird (Scrimmage)

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Novice
Fri., Aug. 20, 6 p.m.
at Novice

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 9 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

ECC fund-raiser

The Experienced Citizens Center will hold a fund-raiser Sat., Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The variety show will feature a fun night of entertainment. Admission is \$4 for senior citizens, \$5 for all others and children under 13 will be admitted free.

Kids fishing tourney

The third annual kids fishing tournament will be held Sat., Sept. 4 at The Anchor at Lake Stamford. Tournament hours are from 8 a.m. to noon. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds benefit the ECC and Haskell Boy Scouts planning to attend the 2005 Jamboree.

Enchilada lunch

Enchiladas and tamales will be served for lunch by the St. George Catholic Church Fri., Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates will include enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and tea and are \$5 each. Takeouts will be available.

State Fair entries due

4-H animal project entries for the State Fair of Texas are due Fri., Aug. 20. Entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. For more information call Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Validation tags

Deadline to order validation tags for 4-H or FFA sheep or goat animal projects will be Fri., Aug. 20. Tags may be ordered at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. For more information call Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658.

Parenting classes

Free parenting classes are offered by the STAR program on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. To registration, call Helen Wilson at 940-256-0537.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

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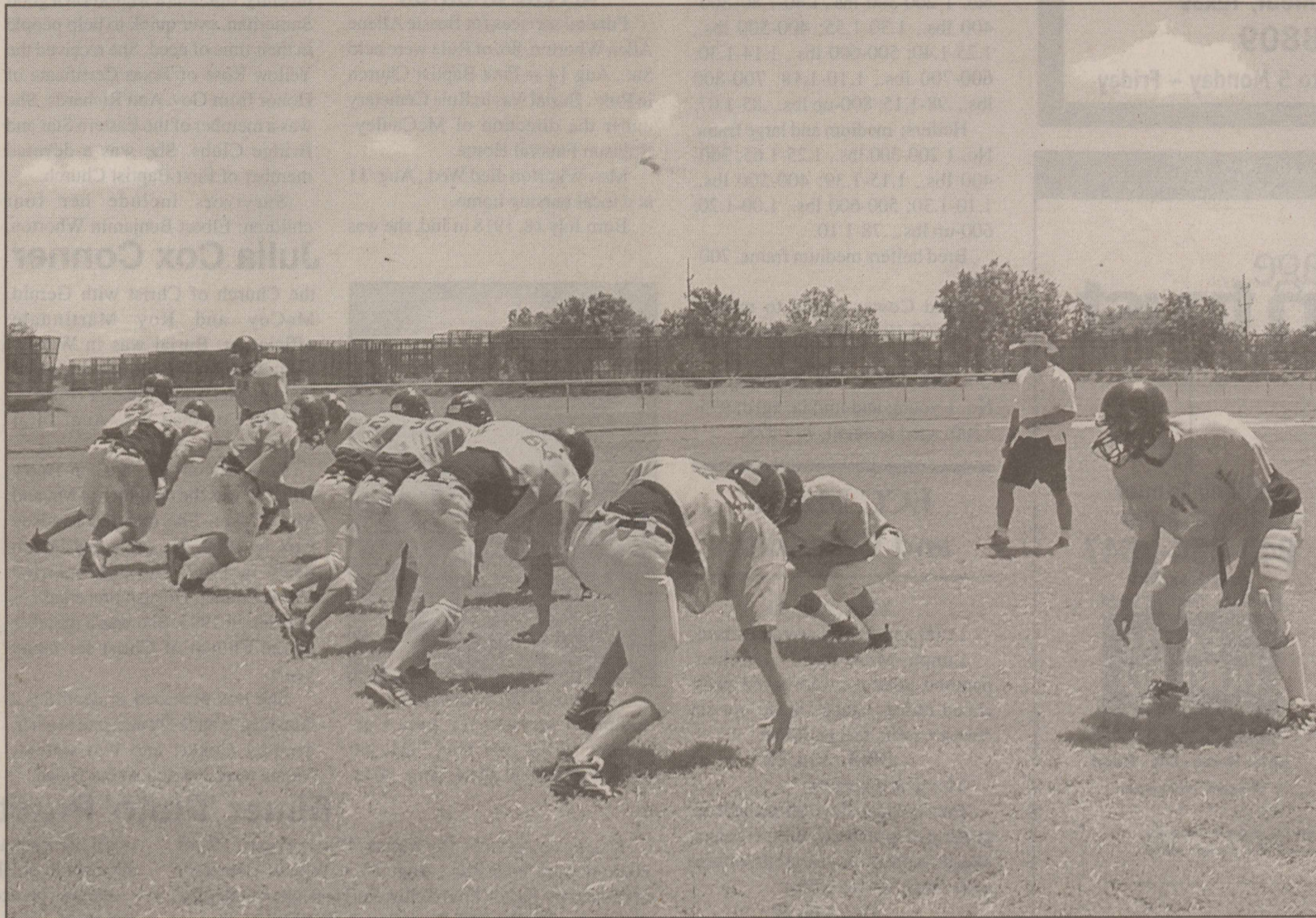
School's in ~ Slow down in school zones

The Haskell Free Press

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READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL-With a cool front moving in last week making it seem more like time for football, the Haskell

Indians were working in various squads on Wed., Aug. 11, getting ready for their scrimmage against Roscoe.

Paint Creek Supt. says school is in good shape

By Mary Kaigler

With all of the talk, interest and concern about consolidation swirling about in the county, Paint Creek ISD Superintendent, Don Ballard, speaking for himself and his school board, says, "The 'C' word is not even in our vocabulary."

Dispelling some of the rumors and answering some of the questions he and the board have been fielding from the public, Ballard said in a recent interview that the school is doing well, is up and going strong, the doors are open, and there are no plans to consolidate.

"We know that we are a small school, and as such, we are in good shape, academically and financially," he said.

Uniquely, with a district that consists of 237 square miles of ranch and farm land and a small population, the school is basically made up of transfer students from Haskell and

Stamford, who are there by choice. Only about 30 students live in the district. The last school year ended with a total of 97 students. A total of 115 students registered Monday for the new school year just beginning.

One of the school's assets is in being able to provide more one-on-one time with a teacher for students who may need it to excel, Ballard said. All required subjects are still taught, and all special programs directed by certified faculty. Three vocational courses offered are home economics, agriculture science and computer. Theater arts and art are also offered, as well as extras such as UIL participation and all sports, including baseball, football, tennis, track and golf.

Ballard said that the rumor that only those with special needs attend the school is not a fact. "Many good, normal kids just function and do better 'out here in a small school

environment than in a larger city," he said. Special education enrollment is about 12%, with whatever services they need provided.

Ballard says one of the biggest myths they hear is that since the power plant closed, the school will close too.

"The power plant did close and hurt us to the extent of losing 30% of the tax evaluation," he said. "However, we still have a \$34 million tax evaluation on the plant. The \$1.45 tax base was raised to \$1.50 last year, and that increased our state funding, making up the difference we lost from the plant closing."

"We looked at a balanced, one and a half million dollar budget this year, and we expect that it will be balanced next year. We have just purchased a new bus, (we run four bus routes), and have added several new teachers," Ballard said.

This year the school will provide continued on page 5

Variety show to benefit ECC

The third annual variety show fund-raiser for the Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sat., Aug. 28 at the Haskell Civic Center, with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

This year the variety show will feature appearances by the "likeness" of Jeff Foxworthy, Dolly Parton, Ray Stevens and friends. Sider Bill, "The Wonder Dog" will also be performing his tricks. Special acts will include a "Magical Show" featuring a famous magician, "The Bird Woman and Her Friend, Vern (short for Miss Verna Bird), and appearances of 'world famous' clowns Clarabelle, Chuckles, Smiley, and "Miss Priss."

Admission to the show will be \$4.00 for senior citizens and \$5.00 for all others. Children under 13 will be admitted free.

Sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be available from 6:00 until 7:15 p.m. before the show.

ECC Director, Jennabeth Kimbrough, is asking anyone who has a talent to share to please call her at 864-3875 or 864 3703.



PRISON WARDEN JILL WATSON

New warden sounds positive note for jail

By Mary Kaigler

Jill Watson, warden at the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center, who started her new job here on June 15, says her experience here so far has been absolutely wonderful, and that she has been impressed by the staff and how committed they are.

The new warden's work experience before coming to the Haskell facility includes being regional director for another private corporation, Prison Division Director for the state of Wyoming, and manager of a large female institution in Oklahoma for three years. Before

that she worked some in community correction facilities, but she says prison work, being on the management side, is where her heart is.

When the people from Emerald Corp., which now runs the facility, called to ask if she would be interested in coming to the prison in Haskell and taking on the job of warden, she said she first asked "where?"

However, having a great deal of respect for Emerald, and the fact that this was an opportunity to get in on continued on page 5



REGISTRATION DAY-Paint Creek ISD Superintendent Don Ballard, standing, was on hand to welcome students and teachers during registration held Monday. Front left to back, around the table, are Taylor Exum, Steven Exum, Jessica Pendergraft, Gayla Pendergraft, holding Shae Lackey, Dana Pendergraft, Blake Edwards, Stacy Medford, Nathan Edwards, Sara Edwards, Tarah Trotter, Crystal Trotter, Sarah Rhodes, Matt Smith, Becky Smith, Addie Exum, Kristi Exum and Josiah Exum.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 389 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 14, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 46 sellers and 31 buyers were present.

Stockers \$2 to \$4 higher, packers steady to \$2 higher, feeders \$1 to \$4 higher.

Cows: fat, .48-.58; cutters, .45-.63; canners, .38-.46.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.74; feeders, .88-1.10; utility, .60-.68.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.14-1.30; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.18; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.15; 800-up lbs., .85-1.07.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.39; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 600-up lbs., .78-1.10.

Bred heifers medium frame, 700-900.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 800-1050; aged or small, 625-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 975-1300; aged or small, 725-875.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Aug. 23

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
 Lunch—Mesquite chicken, parslied potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 25

Movie and popcorn
 Lunch—Ham slice, sliced onions, scalloped potatoes, butter beans, sliced cranberries, yeast rolls, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 27

Lunch—Beef stew, carrot salad, sliced onions, pickles, cornbread, dessert, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Obituaries

Bessie Allene Allen Whorton



ALLENE WHORTON

Funeral services for Bessie Allene Allen Whorton, 86, of Rule were held Sat., Aug. 14 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whorton died Wed., Aug. 11 at a local nursing home.

Born July 18, 1918 in Jud, she was

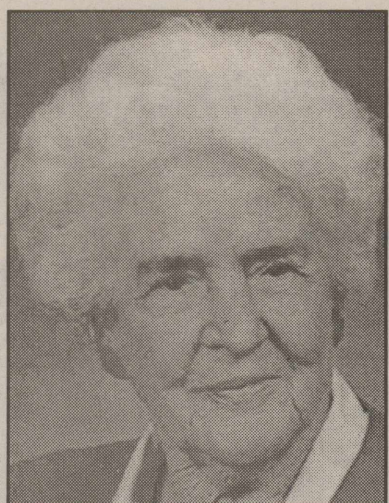
the daughter of Joseph Washington and Alma Ida Detta Allen. She attended schools in Jud, Shawnee, Oklahoma and Dallas. She married Elbert Benjamin (E.B.) Whorton Sr. Feb. 5, 1938 in Fort Worth, returning to Rule. They owned and operated the Tower Drive Inn Theatre in Rule, the oldest continuously family-run drive in theater in the state, since the early 1950's. He preceded her in death July 17, 1994, just one day shy of their 76th wedding anniversary. After his death, Allene and a son, Jackie, continued the family business until recently. She was a well-known good Samaritan, ever quick to help people in their time of need. She received the Yellow Rose of Texas Certificate of Honor from Gov. Ann Richards. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Bridge Clubs. She was a devoted member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her four children: Elbert Benjamin Whorton,

Jr., Ph.D. and wife, Evangeline of Galveston, Robert Allen Whorton and wife, Andrea of Sherman, Mary Katherine Whorton Morris of Abilene, and Jack Alston Whorton and wife, Ella Daye of Rule; two sisters, Ione Ingalsbe and husband, Reed of Abilene and Ruth Larned and husband, Dee of Haskell; two brothers, Loyd Allen and wife, Leah of Rule and Grady Allen and wife, Jean of Wolfforth; five grandchildren, Lalise Loessin Whorton Mason and husband, Greg of Houston, Anna Linea Whorton Schenecker and husband, Edmund of Castroville, Robert Allen Whorton Jr. of Rule, Emily Suzanne Whorton of Dallas and Nathan (Chip) Morris II of Abilene; and one great grandson, Robert Allen Whorton III of Rule.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 1001 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547 or to the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Julia Cox Conner



JULIA COX CONNER

Funeral services for Julia Cox Conner 'Grandma Cox,' 91, of Haskell were held Mon., Aug. 16 at

the Church of Christ with Gerald McCoy and Roy Martindale officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox died Sat., Aug. 14 at Knox City Hospital.

Born March 24, 1913 in Berry Hill, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coker. She married Lindsey Cox in 1932. He preceded her in death in 1969. She later married Virgil Conner. He also preceded her in death in 1995. She was a member of the Church of Christ for many years.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Owens; one brother, Tommy Coker; and two sisters, Velma Mansker and Audie Howe.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Sue Cox of Naples; three daughters, Yvonne King of Haskell, Jo Speck of Lubbock and Linda and husband, Herbert Camp of Lubbock; son-in-law, Donnie Owens of Medford, Oklahoma; one brother, Morgan Coker of Visalia, California; two sisters, Eulalia Oates of Abilene and Mary White of Lefors; fifteen grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521 or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605. PD. NOTICE

Elmer 'Pluto' Pruett

Graveside services for Elmer 'Pluto' Pruett, 77, of Haskell were held Sun., Aug. 15 at Willow Cemetery officiated by Pastor Fred Selby. Services were under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mr. Pruett died Wed., Aug. 11 in Fort Worth.

Born June 14, 1927 in Seymour, he was the son of Vernon and Alma Crouch Pruett. He married Wilma in November 1975 in Haskell. He proudly served in the Navy. He had lived in Haskell County since 1953 and

was a lifetime member of the VFW. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one brother and one child.

Survivors include his son, Vernon Pruett of San Angelo; daughter, Christa Watts of Hillsboro; two step-daughters, Doris Moore of Dallas and Donna Saffel of Rule; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Hewlett Marvin Blair Sr.

Funeral services for Hewlett Marvin Blair Sr., 83, of Stamford were held Wed., Aug. 18 at the Avoca Baptist Church with Rev. William Dawkins officiating. Military graveside rites followed in Spring Creek Cemetery under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mr. Blair died Sun., Aug. 15 at his home.

Born Feb. 21, 1921 in Newnan, Georgia, he was the son of E. C. and Nellie Blair. He married Grace Sears Oct. 4, 1941 in Roscoe, Georgia. She preceded him in death in 1989. He was a retired barber, a member of the

Avoca Baptist Church and an Army veteran of World War II. He and his family moved to Jones County from Columbus, Georgia in 1977.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin Jr. and Lynn Blair of Haskell and Rodney and Carol Blair of Stamford; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Woodrow Royster of Columbus, Georgia and Teresa and Tim Hardy of Stamford; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The NCTMWA will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Wm. Burkhram, Buford Berryhill, Carl Echols, Ray Hardin, Joey Kimbrough, Joseph Thomas
AGAINST the proposal: 0
PRESENT and not voting: 0
ABSENT: Charles Lambeth

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.1836/\$100	.1836/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0%
Average appraised value	\$26,661	\$26,962
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26,661	\$26,962
Tax on average residence homestead	\$48.95	\$49.50
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$0.55
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+0.9889%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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Kids fishing tournament set Sept. 4

The third annual Kids Fishing Tournament, open to all kids 15 and under, will be held Sat., Sept. 4 at Lake Stamford.

Three grand prize cash payouts will include Overall Big Fish, \$100, 2nd Overall, \$75, and 3rd Overall, \$50.

Registration at The Anchor Marina will begin at 7:00 a.m., with a \$5.00 entry fee per participant.

Tournament hours begin at 8:00 a.m., and weigh in can be anytime between then and 12 noon. All of the fishing will be done on Lake Stamford.

Only one fish per person per category will be weighed. All fish must be caught on rod and reel or cane pole, only from the bank, personal or public fishing areas or docks, following Texas Fish and Game rules and regulations.

Following the final weigh in, a casting challenge will be held, along with drawings for donated prizes.

Half of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Experienced Citizens Center and half will go the Boys Scouts who will attend the Scout Jamboree in 2005.

Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 23-27
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Monday: French toast

Tuesday: Biscuits with gravy

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Donuts

Friday: Cereal, toast

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, jello

Tuesday: Macaroni with beef, green beans, salad, bread, cake

Wednesday: Burritos, corn, salad, fruit cups

Thursday: Barbeque on a bun, tater tots, pickles, onions, pork and beans, pudding

Friday: Ham or turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, cookies



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK—Rhonda Howard stuffs the fire boot of Haskell fireman, A. J. Shaw, Saturday morning during the Volunteer Fire Department's annual Fill The Boot campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During the day the firemen collected approximately \$1275.87.

Playday results

The Haskell Horse Club held the second playday of the year Sun., Aug. 15. This was a makeup due to two rain outs this summer. The weather interfered once again. Three of the four events were run before the rain saturated the arena.

Results were:

Poles

8 and under Novice: 1. Kathryn Cude 2. Pryce Stewart 3. Tom Spikes
8 and under: 1. Trinity Haggard 9-12: 1. Laramie Stewart 2. Angie Bourland 3. Ryder Cude
13-15: 1. Ashton Rutkowski 2. Alexa Roberts

Stakes

8 and under Novice: 1. Kathryn Cude 2. Tom Spikes 3. Callie Cude
8 and under: 1. Trinity Haggard 2. River McTasney 9-12: 1. Ryder Cude 2. Angie Bourland 3. Laramie Stewart
13-15: 1. Ashton Rutkowski

Flags

8 and under Novice: 1. Kathryn Cude 2. Pryce Stewart 3. Alye Stewart

8 and under: 1. Trinity Haggard 9-12: 1. Angie Bourland 2. Ryder Cude 3. Laramie Stewart
13-15: 1. Ashton Rutkowski
Barrels-rained out

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 23-27

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Monday: Breakfast bagel

Tuesday: Bean and cheese burrito

Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers

Thursday: Sausage, biscuit

Friday: Cinnamon roll

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with ham,

cheese and sour cream.

Monday: Steakfingers/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches

Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle slices, assorted chips, fruit

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, baby carrots, Oriental coleslaw, Mandarin orange salad

Thursday: Frito pie/cheese/salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, sunshine bars

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, french fries, ice cream

Mini-Cheer Camp Sat., Aug. 23

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Parent Performance 2:00 p.m.

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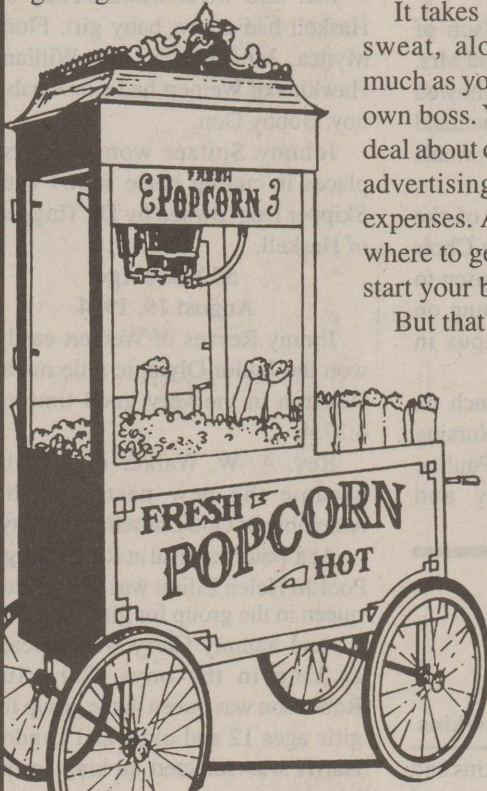
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NOTICE

The City of Haskell will hold a meeting at the Haskell City Council Meeting Room on September 13, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2004. The proposed tax rate is .3991 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Haskell by 2.99%.

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OPINION



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?
I was born in Knox City.
I have been married 54 years and have two children.
I attended school in Haskell, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and North Texas State University in Denton.
No one knows that I once took my lunch money and spent it on flying lessons.
My favorite TV shows are "Cold Case" and "JAG."
My favorite type of music is all kinds, from classical to country western.
My favorites songs are, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," and "As the Deer."
I like to play Freecell on computer, work in the yard and go shopping.

My favorite reading material is crossword puzzles.
My favorite food is tenderloin steak.

My favorite place in Texas is Big Bend National Park. My favorite vacation spot in the world is Santa Fe, New Mexico.

My best quality is trying to see the bright side of things.

My worst quality is my slowness. I hate it when people try to use you.

The person from history I'd most like to talk with is my Dad.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is the people.

Who am I? Watch next week for the answer.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Haskell County Justice of the Peace, Lynn Dodson, who said she was once a shy, skinny kid with 'bird legs,' who deliberately tried to gain weight by eating everything she could.

In school in Aspermont, she was helped to overcome the shyness through encouragement to participate in UIL story telling, speech contests, poetry readings and informational speaking. Entering a contest at age sixteen, held by the Dickens Rural Electric Co-op, she gave a speech on rural electrification, and won a trip to Washington, D. C.

When she finished high school in Aspermont, she was given the choice of having a new car or taking a trip to Europe with the American Institution of Foreign Study. As much as she wanted a car, she says, she wisely chose the trip, which included a cruise to the Mediterranean, Italy, Greece and France, studying drama, architecture and art history.

She attended college in San Marcos for a year, and moved to Houston. There she worked with an international corporation out of Saudi Arabia, helping to set up liaison for people going to Arabia. She also got her real estate and broker's licenses,

and says she regrets letting them elapse.

In Houston she met her first husband, and they had a daughter, Hilee Mulligan. Together they owned Hickory Farms Meat and Cheese stores and dealerships in small shopping centers in Austin.

Later on, wishing to bring up her young daughter in a smaller place, she returned to Aspermont, and in 1986, found a job in Haskell.

Here, she met David 'Dobber' Dodson on a fishing trip, which turned out to be a 'hook, line and sinker' event for both. However, she says she did not consent to marry him until she first got to know his mother, Betty Dodson, who she says is the 'sweetest woman who ever lived.' The couple has been married 15 years.

In Haskell she worked 10 years, mainly in the legal field, for the County Attorney and as a clerk at the Justice of the Peace office. Appointed to fill an unexpired JP term, she is now in her first full term.

She found that the JP job requires wearing many more hats than many may realize. It is not just being a traffic judge, she said. She also serves as the coroner, and performs weddings, some of them very unusual, such as a recent, spur-of-the-moment wedding by proxy, where she lost her place and was afraid for a moment that she might marry the best man to the bride. But she always tries to keep a positive outlook on everything that happens, she said.

She loves the work, and says her main fulfillment in the job is that hopefully, she can make a difference in someone's life. "I deal a lot with kids, and find myself giving them the 25 or 50 cent lecture on driving with more responsibility and staying in school. It doesn't always work, but it's an opportunity to try to help turn them in the right direction."

Lynn's daughter, Hilee, with whom she is very close, is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is living in Dallas, seeking a job. She still has two years of eligibility left in the Miss Texas America Pageant, in which she has been a contestant.

Lynn attributes her interest in Indian artifacts and lore, to having a great-great grandmother who was a three-fourth Native American Cherokee Indian. Lynn's younger brother is a flint napper, and makes arrow heads, knives and spears, which she and the family members treasure.

Having the opportunity to go with Sid and Kathy Parker of Haskell to a "Descendents of Quanah Parker Family Pow Wow," in Oklahoma, sparked her interest in Quanah Parker, who was an astute business agent, helping to work with the government in Indian land deals. Since that time, she has been to several of the Pow Wows, and has

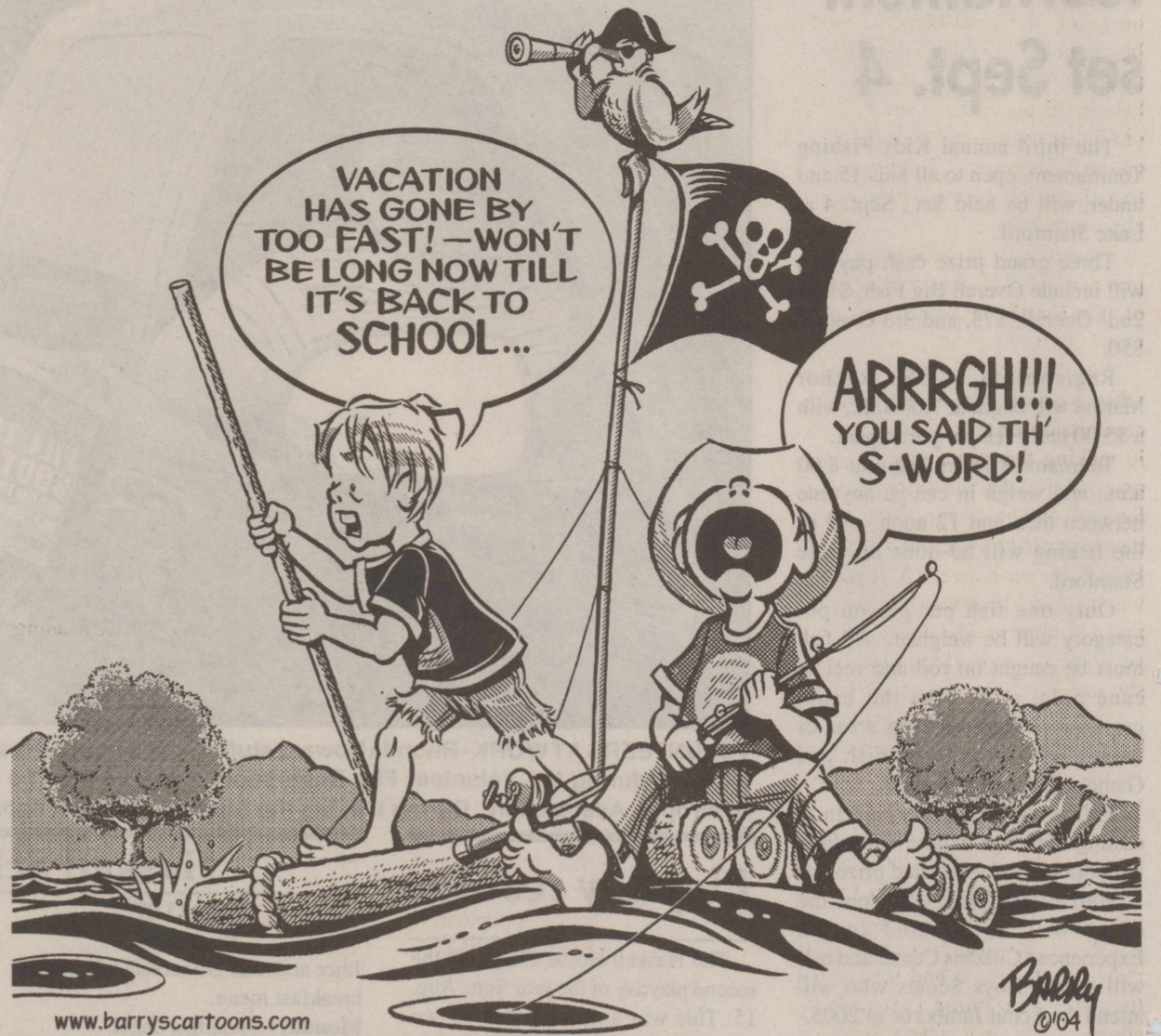
enjoyed seeing the home Quanah Parker built, featuring stars on the roof to signify to his people that he was as important as any five star general.

"I would like to talk with him about those times he lived in," she said.

Lynn is a member of the Haskell Progressive Study Club. Among her interests is promoting reading as a basis for becoming educated. An avid reader herself, she says she believes that a person can help make up for formal academic training by a lifetime habit of reading from many different sources. At the moment she is reading "The Left Behind" series, a fictional account, based in today's time, on the Biblical book of Revelations.

It's a Thought

"In the long run, the pessimist may be proved to be right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip."
—Daniel L. Reardon



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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago
August 18, 1994**

Larry Reid, a 1987 graduate at Rochester, was named head football coach at Ropes High School. Reid was also to coach track and teach history.

Dwayne Gray, Haskell football coach was elected a Region I director of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Stewart and Keri Farrell of Rule had the privilege of having in their home for her summer vacation a student from Nishinomiya, Japan. She chose the English name of Jennifer to go by while visiting in the states.

Duane Gilly, Haskell High School ag science teacher, and Lou Gilly, county extension agent-home economics, received certificates of completion for an Agricultural Financial Management in an Agriculture Seminar.

Ford and Donna Cole, Karen Lehrmann, Ellen Rieger, Melodee Christian and Sarah Hodgkin of the First Baptist Church in Haskell were in Waco at Baylor University for the Music conference.

**20 Years Ago
August 16, 1984**

Sam Toliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver, of Haskell, was named outstanding defensive back in the Greenbelt Bowl. Holli High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle High, represented Haskell in the queen contest.

Franki Cothron of Haskell was chosen as Fall Chairman of the Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Campaign.

Monty Holcombe, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson and Mrs. Maye Holcombe of Haskell, showed the grand champion mare at the 22nd annual State 4-H Horses Show finals in Waco.

Diana Jarred, a member of the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band in Haskell, was chosen to receive intense musical training on the Baylor University campus in Waco.

Winners of the 'get to lunch on time' contest at the Haskell Nursing Center were Cleve Hester, Pauline Williams, Colene Moody and Kathryn Mitchell.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins and their daughter and husband, Lana and Tom Brewster, all of Wichita Falls, were in Haskell Saturday to attend the scrimmage between Rider High and San Angelo. Their grandson Jeffrey Rhems of Rider player. They also visited with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum.

Mr. and Mrs. David Con and girls visited friends in O'Donnell last week.

**30 Years Ago
August 15, 1974**

Gerre Lamed, Pam Gibson, Mary Jennings and Vickie Josselet, all of Haskell, were selected as Outstanding Young Women of America.

Art Briles of Rule was chosen to play on the Texas all-star team in the 37th annual Oil Bowl classic.

Shawn Chambers, James Hopkins and Susan Hopkins took first place trophies in a play night held at Anson sponsored by the Jones County Fair.

Ruby Medford of Haskell won third in the championship flight at the Couples Golf Tourney at the Haskell Country Club. Frank and Roberta Jenkins of Haskell won third in first flight. Clarence and Margie Hitt of Rochester won second in the second flight. The man winning closest to the pin was Frank Jenkins and the woman was Mary Elliott of Haskell.

Dick N. McDermott, son of Margarette McDermott of Rochester, was promoted to Army Sergeant while serving with the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood.

**40 Years Ago
August 20, 1964**

Carl T. Anderson of Haskell received a bachelor's degree in industrial arts at North Texas State University.

Army PFC John W. Hale of Haskell was assigned to the 7th Artillery in Germany. Hale is a launcher crewman in Battery D of the 7th Artillery's 3d Missile Battalion.

Sandra Dutton of Weinert left for Austin to represent the president of Texas FHA, Area IV in a meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones of Haskell had a new baby girl, Flora Mynea. Mr. and Mrs. John William Hawkins of Weinert had a new baby boy, Bobby Don.

Johnny Spitzer won two first places in cutting horse shows with Skipper Dog, owned by Dr. Thigpen of Haskell.

**50 Years Ago
August 19, 1954**

Jimmy Reeves of Weinert easily won the Junior Olympic mile run at Houston in the very good time of 4:37.4.

Rev. A. W. Walker of Atlanta became the new pastor of the Assembly of God Church in this city.

At a water carnival at Rice Springs Pool Jo Helen Elliott was selected as queen in the group for girls ages 6 to 11 and Sammy Curry was selected as king in the boys. Sara Sue Robertson was queen in the group for girls ages 12 and older and Lyndon Harris was selected as king in the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fowler of this city received word that their son, Cpl. James L. Fowler, who has been stationed at El Toro, California, is now in Pearl Harbor.

Ann Busby returned from a visit with relatives in Denton while there she appeared on the college stage show at North Texas in tap dance numbers.

**100 Years Ago
August 20, 1904**

L. T. Cunningham returned from Fort Worth, where he disposed of a shipment of calves at a good price.

J. A. Couch and wife and L. W. Roberts and family are spending several days with relatives in Munday.

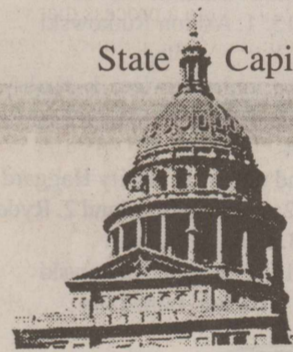
J. E. Jones and family of Schleicher County arrived this week

to visit relatives. He is a brother of J. L. and J. F. Jones of this place, with whom he is interested in the Jones Bros. Ranch in Schleicher County.

J. J. Pounds of this county was in town on his return from the Confederate Reunion in Stamford. He carried a wagonload of watermelons. The smallest melon weighed 48 lbs. and the largest in the load was a 96-pounder.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

School finance resolution absent this year

AUSTIN—It's back to school this week for most Texas students, but a solution to the school finance issue will be marked absent.

In fact, school finance reform appears to be dodging the truant officer. A second special session appeared likely earlier this summer to deal with school finance, but failing to reach any consensus, the leadership opted to await the outcome of a school finance case pending in state district court.

District Judge John Dietz is expected to rule later this month or in early September on whether the present system constitutes an unconstitutional statewide property tax. And that ruling, of course, can be taken to the Third Court of Appeals.

Last week, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said dynamite wouldn't be enough to get the Legislature involved in the issue any time soon if Dietz upholds the current system.

He later said he was just joking with the dynamite remark, but admitted that a ruling for the state would make it harder for the Legislature to reform the system.

CHIP chipping delayed...

The state will continue to insure some 20,000 children who were to have been cut from the Children's Health Insurance Program Sept. 1 because their parents have not kept up with the \$15 monthly premiums. Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Arlene Wohlgenuth (R-Burleson) have asked the Health and Human Services Commission to postpone the cutoff, as well as look for funding to restore previously cut dental and vision benefits.

Wohlgenuth led legislative efforts in 2003 to cut back the CHIP program. Enrollment has already dropped from 507,000 children to less than 360,000.

New hunting, fishing licenses available...

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's 2004-05 hunting and fishing licenses are on sale.

Two big changes this year: One, the addition of a \$5 fresh water fishing stamp to pay for rebuilding the state's aging hatcheries. Two, for the first time, licenses can be bought online or over the telephone. Check the department's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us for details or call 800 TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248).

License prices vary, but the best deal is the \$64 Super Combo license that covers everything.

President's early home gets designation...

The George W. Bush Texas childhood home has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Texas State Historical Commission assisted in nominating the house at 1412 W. Ohio Ave. in Midland. The Bush family lived there from 1952 to 1955.

Currently under restoration, the house joins more than 2,000 other archeologically or historically significant sites in Texas that have been listed on the National Register since 1966.

Congress will convene in Austin...

Well, not that Congress. But on Sept. 15-17, the Texas Water Monitoring Council will sponsor the fifth Texas Water Monitoring Congress in Austin.

Despite a rather unrevealing name, the council, along with the various state and federal agencies it works with, is concerned with a non-partisan issue everyone agrees is critical to the future of Texas—the quality and availability of our water.

For more information, see the council's Web site at www.txwmc.org or contact Robert Bradley at 512-936-0870.

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New warden

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the ground level for this new operation, she said, "I kind of got the bug to come here and take the new position. The next thing I knew, I was here in the place where my 82-year-old father used to tell about picking cotton in his youth. I finally realized that those tall cotton stories were about a real place."

Pleased with the dedication of the prison's staff, Watson said that some of them have made a real investment in the institution.

"We have people working here who worked on the planning commission, on the construction and in making the transition from the original jail to the new facility. Several on the management team have specifically moved back to Haskell to work here. These people will be here, because they have so much invested in this facility, and I'm very proud to be working with them," she said.

"We have a line staff here that has been incredible. They are dedicated for the most part, and you know that they will be here ten to fifteen years from now."

The warden said the local prison has a lower employee turnover rate than many such institutions.

"It is our responsibility as managers to see to and insure that they get the training they need to advance, and get to where they want to be in this line of work," she said.

As an added assistance to training, Watson said that she has been talking with the Director of Community Education from Vernon Jr. College about bringing some college classes to Haskell, specifically to help some of the staff who cannot go back and forth to Abilene. Perhaps in January, she said classes will be held off-site in town, which will be helpful to other citizens, as well.

"One reason I could confidently talk to them at Vernon, is that all of these folks are going to be here; not just starting and then dropping out. It's exciting to be working on this aspect. We're definitely getting ready to enter into some kind of agreement with Vernon Jr. College," she said.

Excited about the potential that there is here, Watson said that one day in the future, there will be a warden from the local community.

Asked what made her decide to be a warden, Watson said it was not something she planned to be when she was growing up in Jonesborough. She evolved into it.

"Actually, I went to college thinking to be a social worker. I like to work with people and I believe that people can change. I believe that we have a responsibility as citizens to give people the tools and skills they need to make a change if they choose to do so. We can't afford to 'write off' anyone."

Speaking of the fact that the jail population has been high in the local prison, which is needed to keep it solvent as an investment, she said it is one of those mixed message things.

"We all know and regret that there are so many prisons in this country, and more being built every day. As a citizen no one wants to see the jail population high, and yet, if this facility is full, it's good for the community economics, creates jobs and brings in money. From the standpoint of the 'bottom-line' success of the facility, I've been pleased that the facility's population has been high, and at capacity the last two months."

"We always hope that we do a good job, and can see people get out, go back home and make it and be successful. But unfortunately, that doesn't always happen, and just as unfortunately, there is always someone else to take their bed."

Watson said that as our country grows and the sheer population expands, the Haskell facility will probably expand at some point in time. Most of the prison's residents are sent by the immigration department, and she said that with the new changes in immigration enforcement, facility expansion is a real possibility.

Watson reported that the facility has recently received their accreditation from the American Corrections Association, which is achieved through a process that very few facilities in the country choose

to go through. It involves around 445 standards that must be met, some of them very difficult.

"This is something the staff can be very proud of. It means that they are one of the best," she said. "The staff works very hard here to meet those standards."

Starting out her own career as a line staff member, she says she has a great appreciation for what they do. "Actually, when it comes down to it, our line staff runs the facility. I have the privilege to sit in this office, but I'm just one of the team members," she said.

"We hope we're doing a good job. I'm very proud of our staff. It's important to me that they can walk up to the front door and be proud of where they work and who they work for, and that they are a good citizen in the community. I think we've got a good foundation and we're heading in that direction."

With 147 to 150 employees, the prison brings a big payroll to the community.

Watson said the difference between Management Training Corp. and Emerald Management Corp., for whom she works, is that "We are in it for the long haul."

"No one would haul this much stuff into their office if they didn't plan to be to stay," she joked about her office, now converted to fit her needs, and tastefully decorated with items from Flatlands.

"We want to be involved in the community and to be a good citizen and contributor to the community," she said. Speaking of the recent donation the prison made to the Volunteer Fire Department, she said she grew up in a family of volunteer fire fighters, and knows how important community involvement is. "The bottom line is that this institution doesn't belong to me or to Emerald. It belongs to this community, and we have an obligation to be community members. We will try to be there for any group we can be of help to."

Warden Watson said that she tries to be positive, while keeping it on an informal basis.

"If I didn't like what I do, I wouldn't be here."

Paint Creek School

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the provisional two meals a day for all students, and school supplies for all students. "A lot of our students are economically disadvantaged, and this saves some of the parents a lot of money. As long as we can help, that's what we are there for," he said.

Laughing at the thought of it ever happening, Ballard said the rumor going around that the school has been taken over and being run and funded by Wal-Mart is just ridiculous.

Stating that the school plans to be there for the child who chooses to come, Ballard said more are welcome. "We are not just a place where only 'bad kids and trouble makers' go. Our transfers are screened, with the welfare and safety of all the students kept in mind. No child is accepted just to add enrollment numbers."

Ballard said his philosophy is that learning to read is important to one's whole life and that if a kid cannot read, he cannot function as well in his life. This year, with classes for Pre-K through 12th grade, the school's big emphasis will be on reading, focusing on four different aspects, for kindergarten through grade three. The goal will be that every child who finishes the third grade will be able to read with understanding. A \$170,000 grant for the reading program is expected to be forthcoming.

Ballard, who has been in the school business 34 years, grew up in Rochester, finishing high school there. He graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor of science degree, and Midwestern State with a master's degree. After teaching agriculture science in Rule for 11 years, he received his superintendent certification at Texas Tech University, and has spent the last 12 years in school administration. In 2000 he retired from Dawson ISD.

Moving back to Haskell, he worked for the Goree school, which wanted to keep its doors open just one more year. Three years later it consolidated.

"I believe small schools serve a

purpose, as long as they can survive and provide the quality of education needed for the child. When we lose whatever our purpose is as a school, then it's just a bunch of teachers totally out of 'sync' with the larger picture," Ballard said.

"With all of the issues of school financing now going in the state legislature, things may change for all of us, beyond our control. For now, at Paint Creek, we are academically and financially sound, and trying to do what is best for the kids."

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E Rodgers, CPA



DON'T OVERLOOK THE TAX ISSUES WHEN YOU REFINANCE

With interest rates as low as they have been for almost 40 years, now is the time to consider refinancing your home mortgage. Here are a few tax tips that shouldn't be overlooked.

While you can fully deduct the points you pay when you buy your home, any points paid on a refinancing are deducted evenly over the term of the loan. If you refinance a loan for a second time, the balance of any remaining points from the previous loan will become immediately deductible. Also, if you're deducting points over the term of a loan, those remaining points are deductible when the home is sold.

If you pull out additional cash in the refinancing, and then use some (or all) of that cash to improve your main home, a portion of the points is deductible if you actually pay those points "up front." The amount of the deductible points is a percentage of the funds used for your home improvements compared to the total amount of the loan. Any points not immediately deductible can be spread out evenly over the term of the loan.

If you pull out additional cash of \$100,000 or less when you refinance, the interest on that amount is deductible. If you pull out more, the interest may or may not be deductible depending on how the additional funds are used. If you use those funds to expand your business, the interest would be deductible business interest. If you buy investments, the interest would be investment interest expense.

While most other loan fees are not deductible, some of your property taxes may be paid through the refinancing and are deductible. Also, if you do refinance to a lower interest rate, you'll pay less interest and have a lower mortgage interest deduction on your income tax return. Make sure to double-check your tax withholding in order to avoid an unanticipated tax bill later.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 30, 2004, in the High School Library.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,015	\$4,651
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5213	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5213	\$2,186	\$4,480
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,044	\$4,772

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$23,886	\$23,720
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$8,886	\$8,720
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$133.29	\$130.80
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$2.49

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or proposed value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5627. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5627.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,553,267
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HASKELL §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 29th day of July, 2004, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9848. Styling: Rochester Independent School District v. Delfino Aguilera. Legal description: 1. Lots 3-5, block 34, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas. 2. Lots 5, 6, Block 20, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9903. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Mike Enriquez. Legal description: 3. Lot 1, North Half of Lot 2, Block 15, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,813. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. J. W. Wesley. Legal description: 4. All of Block 18, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 5. Lots 3, 4 Block 1, Kirby Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 6. Lots 1-8, Block 2, Kirby Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,930. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Jack Dale Isbell. Legal description: 7. Lot 6, Block 3, McConnell Addition #85 to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 7th day of September 2004, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 29th day of July, 2004, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 of Texas Tax Code."

Given under my hand this 29th day of July, 2004.

David Halliburton
Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas
33-35c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD is available for public review during regular business hours at the Haskell CISD central administration office, 605 N. Avenue E, Haskell, TX.

ATENCIÓN PÚBLICA

El acuerdo de consolidación Propuesto local entre Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD está disponible para la revisión pública durante horas de oficina regulares en el Haskell CISD la oficina de administración central, 605 N. Avenida E, Haskell, TX. 33-35c

NO. 11,234

DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD,
Plaintiff

v.
KITTIE CREMER aka KITTIE CREMER ENGLE and J. S. JONES, Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

TO: KITTIE CREMER aka KITTIE CREMER ENGLE and J. S. JONES, Defendants, and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD, Plaintiff, was filed against KITTIE CREMER aka KITTIE CREMER ENGLE and J. S. JONES, Defendants, on August 12, 2004, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered 11,234, and entitled DELTA OIL & GAS, LTD VS. KITTIE CREMER aka KITTIE CREMER ENGLE and J. S. JONES. This lawsuit is a suit for the appointment of a receiver under the provisions of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 64.091 to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on the interest of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Haskell County, Texas:

156 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 14, Block 1, H.&T.C. RR. Co. Survey, A-505, Haskell County, Texas, and being the same land described in Mineral Deed dated February 26, 1930, from J.T. Mullis & wife, Easter Mullis, to H. O. Cremer, recorded in Volume 118, Page 421, Deed Records, Haskell County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 12th day of August, 2004.

Penny Young Anderson
Clerk of the
39th Judicial District Court
Haskell, Texas
By: Katherine S. Drinnon,
Deputy 34-37c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of opportunity to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by the Aspermont, Small Business Development Center, Inc., P.O. Box 188, Aspermont, Texas 79502, on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services within Kent, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Jones and Fisher Counties. Financial assistance to continue this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation. Service will be for the general public and fares will be charged for this service. Written comments or a written request for a Public Hearing are being accepted at Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604; ATTN: Debra Rector. Deadline for request is August 27, 2004. 34-35c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of August, 2004 before the Board of Directors of Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas, in regard to proposed adoption of a fraud prevention policy, as per GASB procedures. The Board of Directors encourages all citizens of Baylor, Haskell and Knox Counties to participate and to make their views known at this public hearing.

Copies of the proposed revised District Rules can be obtained at the office located at 135 Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. 34c

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HASKELL CISD is now accepting applications for the position of daycare worker. Applications can be picked up at the Haskell CISD central administration office at 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, TX 79521 or by calling 940-864-2602. Haskell CISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants for all positions are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 33-34c

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Jobs Wanted

LOOKING FOR WORK: Yard work, painting or farm work. Call 256-2242. Ask for A.G. 34p

This Week's Devotional Message:



BE SURE YOUR CHILDREN'S VOCABULARY INCLUDES THE WORD 'NO'

It's time to send your children off to school again, to prepare them for the world they must one day confront. The school will do a good job of this, but your cooperations is also needed in order to make sure that they don't learn the wrong things. As everyone knows, we are living in an era where drug abuse is rampant, and the children are being lured into this trap at a shockingly early age. Don't fail to warn them about this, as a part

of their preparation for the new school year, for it can be vastly more important than their clothes or books. Moreover, you can reinforce your efforts by enrolling them in the Sunday school at your house of worship. With all this, you can rest assured that the vocabulary your children develop in school will include the proper use of the word "NO," as the password to a happier, healthier and longer life.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

East Side Baptist Church

Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

New Vision Family Worship Center

Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ron Rennegrbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church

Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church

Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion

Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship

Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

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First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

SAGERTON

Sagerton Methodist Church

Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

RULE

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

O'BRIEN

O'Brien Baptist Church

Milton McManus, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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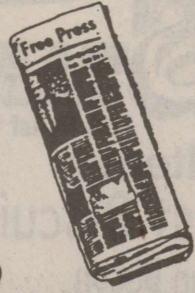
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Your written offer should arrive in Abilene no later than 2:30 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2004. Contract begins 09/01/04. TDHS reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the bid determined to be the best value to TDHS and the State of Texas. TDHS is an equal opportunity agency and we encourage HUB (Historically Under-utilized Business) participation. For additional information call Susan Jarred or Shari Dunham at 864-2694.

ALL ELECTRICIANS

The new statewide electricians licensing program was created by House Bill 1487, which was enacted by the 78th Texas Legislature, adding Chapter 1305 to the Occupations Code. TDLR began accepting license applications on March 1, 2004.

Beginning September 1, 2004, a person may not perform non-exempt electrical work without a license. The new state licensing program creates uniform minimum qualifications for all electricians statewide. The new license will authorize a licensee to work anywhere in the state. An electrician with a municipal license can only work in that municipality.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6117-37-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on August 31, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$134,450.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0908-00-056 for PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on September 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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After receiving the autopsy report, we learned Austin had an unknown medical condition. Austin's heart was twice the size of a normal heart. His heart suddenly gave out and he went home.

Austin will be missed by many, but will live on through our memories of him that we hold so dearly. If you knew Austin, you didn't need a medical report to tell you he had a big heart.

Haskell is truly a community of friends who pull together in times of need. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in holding our family as we hold onto the faith that helps us withstand the things we can't understand.

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TBWEF assessment notices to arrive soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they

certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office

and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due Sept. 14, but a two percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Aug. 30.

Like last year, all cotton acres planted in the zone are subject to the assessment.

To aid RPC growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a ten percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of one percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.



PLOWBOYS AND INDIANS—Haskell's Brandon McClatchey carries the ball in the scrimmage game with Roscoe, played here Saturday morning, Aug. 14. Photo by Bill Blankenship



RUNNING AGAINST ROSCOE—Haskell Indian, Josh Barbee, takes it and runs in a crowd of Plowboys during the scrimmage held in Haskell, Sat., Aug. 14. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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New Items:

Breakfast Biscuit with Canadian Bacon	\$1.19
Breakfast Biscuit with Canadian Bacon & Egg	\$1.49
Breakfast Biscuit w/Canadian Bacon, Egg & Cheese	\$1.69
Chili-n-Cheese Corndog	\$1.19
Chicken Pizza	\$1.29
Quesadilla	\$1.29

Did You Know?

Rice Springs Care Home offers great care with love and compassion for all of our residents. We are not changing our focus of giving hometown care to **Senior Citizens**. We want our residents to enjoy their golden years and great food, plenty of activities and close companionship.

Rice Springs Care Home is now offering more services for Haskell and the surrounding area. Check out our **Secure Unit, Adult Day Care Services, Respite Care** and **Skilled Health-Care for Children**.

Contact Stephen King, Administrator for more information!

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ALLSUP'S

August 15, 2004 thru August 28, 2004

HASKELL #153
1000 N. AVE. E
RULE #91
501 UNION AVE.

BUY A 32 OZ. TALLSUP FOR 89¢
RECEIVE A 99¢ BAG OF TOM'S POTATO CHIPS FREE

DIET PEPSI, MOUNTAIN DEW OR PEPSI
3 LITER BTL.
\$1.49

6 PACKS
3 FOR \$5

BLUE BUNNY 4.25 OZ. COOL TUBES
REGULAR 89¢
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

TOP 3 OZ. PKG. RAMEN NOODLES
29¢ EACH OR
4 FOR \$1

SHURFINE COTTAGE CHEESE
12 OZ. TUB
\$1.09

BAR-S HONEY COOKED HAM
12 OZ. PKG.
\$2.29

ASSORTED FLAVORS ALLSUP'S ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL. / \$3.79 EACH OR
2 FOR \$5

ALLSUP'S "MOO" GET ONE FREE!

BUY 12 GALLONS OF FRESH ALLSUP'S MILK...

TOM'S ASSORTED CHIPS REGULAR \$1.89	2 FOR \$3.00
ALLSUP'S 20 OZ. WIDE MUG FILLED WITH YOUR FAVORITE FOUNTAIN SOFT DRINK	EACH \$2.29
NISSAN CUP OF NOODLES ASST. FLAVORS 1 CT. / 59¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.00
ALLSUP'S SANDWICH BREAD 24 OZ. / 79¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.29
ALLSUP'S WHEAT BREAD 24 OZ. / 89¢ EACH OR	2 FOR \$1.49

ALLSUP'S COMBO MEALS

COMBO NO. 1	BACON/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 2	SAUSAGE/EGG BISCUIT & 16 OZ. COFFEE	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 3	BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$1.99
COMBO NO. 4	HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.39
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.39
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19
COMBO NO. 9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19
COMBO NO. 10	2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.19